

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

USMISSION GENEVA

UNCLAS STOCKHOLM 4942

USOECD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EMIN, UNCTAD, SW

SUBJ: UNCTAD COMMODITIES--PHOSPHATE

REF: STATE 267871

1. MFA OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH UNCTAD (BJORN ELMER AND HANS AHLSTROM) INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED THE DOCUMENTATION MENTIONED IN REFTEL AND HAS NOT ARRIVED AT ANY POSITION FOR THE PHOSPHATE CONFERENCE. THE GOS WILL BE REPRESENTED BY AHLSTROM, RECENTLY ARRIVED IN THE MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SECTION, AND THE COUNSELOR OF THE SWEDISH GENEVA MISSION.

2. SWEDEN IS ESSENTIALLY AN IMPORTER OF PHOSPHATE PRODUCTS, FOR AGRICULTURE AND THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY. ONLY TEN PERCENT OF NATIONAL NEEDS ARE PRODUCED WITHIN SWEDEN, FROM THE EXTRACTION OF PHOSPHATES FROM THE COUNTRY'S HIGH PHOSPHORUS IRON ORES. STUDIES ARE UNDERWAY TO DETERMINE AT WHAT POINT IT MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE TO PRODUCE MORE PHOSPHATES FROM THESE

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ORES BUT AT PRESENT SWEDEN'S ECONOMIC INTERESTS LIE WITH PHOSPHATE CONSUMERS. OFFICIALS ANTICIPATE STABLE OR DECLINING PRICES FOR PHOSPHATES DUE TO SURPLUS SUPPLY. THEY SHOWED CONSIDERABLE SYMPATHY, HOWEVER, FOR IDEA OF BUFFER STOCKS AS WORKING TO ADVANTAGE OF CONSUMERS. AND, THEY ADMITTED THAT GOS VIEWS ON COMMODITY SCHEMES ARE NOT SOLELY FORMULATED FROM ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS. THIRD WORLD POLITICS MUST BE

FACTORED IN.  
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